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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 27 September 1965

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[] ORR gave a background briefing on logistics support to Communist forces in South Vietnam. (See Action 1)

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DDI noted press reports that []

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[] is in difficulty.

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DDI reported that the White House has requested two papers. One will rack up evidence pertaining to the possibility of a []
[] The other is to be an estimative piece in the form of a memorandum to holders of the NIE providing a fresh assessment of [] intentions in regard to a nuclear program.

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DDI tabled an up-dated geographic memo by ORR []
(See Action 2)

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DDI discussed certain aspects of current Soviet-U.S. relations including a recent Soviet refusal to distribute the USIA prepared magazine, Amerika.

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R. J. Smith gave the latest word on the status of a US Army

[] DCI noted that at his morning briefing earlier today, he had asked for preparation of a round-up on all [] and their current status. He also wants to know the status of [] He intends to use this information in discussions with the President tomorrow.

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Smith briefed on the precarious nature of the current []

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DDS noted the crash of an Air America C-45 north of Saigon today. There were no survivors.

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Bross noted completion of the annual Agency report to the PFIAB. It will be submitted to the DCI for review and signature. Bross said that a shorter report on community developments is in preparation now.

DDS&T referred to a recent Time Magazine article about Olfactronics, voice-prints, etc.. He reported that the Agency is keeping abreast in all but one of these fields.

25X1 DDP discussed AID Director Bell's proposal for a special counter
25X1 insurgency striking force. There are deficiencies
25X1 in the AID proposal and these deficiencies and suggestions will be sent forward to the DCI from DDP.

The Executive Director noted that General Taylor, who is looking into U.S. counter insurgency matters, has established four committees. A CIA officer chairs an "intelligence committee."

25X1 DCI noted that he had asked at his earlier morning briefing for a
DDP memo for use in prospective discussions with the President.

ACTIONS:

25X1 1. The material used in the background briefing on logistics support
25X1 to the Communists in Vietnam is to be made available

25X1 2. The geographic memo on Kashmir and a companion piece memo
25X1 on the political situation is to be provided to Ambassador Goldberg. A note
25X1 is to be prepared for the DCI's signature covering these documents and the
25X1 information is to be passed (DDI - 29 September)

25X1 3. Upon being given a memo by Kent providing ONE's preliminary
assessment DCI asked that a section be added outlining
the extent of the U.S. AID program and the current state of the
food situation (DDI - 1 October)

25X1 4. DCI requested a study of the pros and cons of a U.S. undertaking
(DDI - 4 October)

25X1 5. DCI requested that a secure telephone
to facilitate Agency contact with him. (DDS - 1 October)

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25X1 6. DCI requested arrangements be made to provide [redacted] the kind of press ticker support currently being given DCI by the Watch Office. (DDI - 1 October)

7. Noting receipt of a Presidential letter reaffirming the DCI's coordination authorities, ^{DCI asked} ~~Bross~~ to analyze this letter with a view toward strengthening the NIPE function. (D/DCI/NIPE)

25X1 8. Noting the President's Board's concern about the status of intelligence work [redacted] and the need to intensify it, DCI asked that [redacted] come up with a concrete plan for improvements. The plan should cite needs for resources and personnel as precisely as possible. These findings should in turn be translated into budgetary needs as soon as possible. (D/DCI/NIPE - 15 October)

25X1 9. DCI requested a status report on plans to keep detailed book on Communists [redacted] He urged that a deadline be set for completion of this plan. (DDP - a status report by 1 October)

25X1 10. DCI wants to be informed on the work, plans, schedules, equipments, etc., of CIA security teams [redacted] He wants particularly to be assured that new devices and methods developed inside and outside the Agency are being employed by the Office of Security. (DDS - 1 October)

25X1 11. In connection with offers made by [redacted] or other well-motivated U.S. citizens who want to help CIA's public image, all such offers are to be declined. Any proposal for taking advantage of any such offers are to be submitted to the DDCI for consideration. (ALL)

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